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Dear Mr. Davis,

Dealing with the FBI, and not it alone, when there is reason to suspect an agency desire not to make full disclosure, can be tricky and technical.

So, reur 11/30/87 New Orleans request, Item 3, you use the word "files." I suggest you let them know that you meant all records. There has to be a very considerable amount of information on those persons not in files on them.

This information would be in other files. However, it can be readily retrieved and processed for disclosure. The FBI's cross-reference cards are called "see" cards. For example, the Carlos records I sent you are in an assassination file, yet it would be found immediately by consulting the see cards.

There may be no separate file on some Marcellos, they could be mentioned in files on other Marcellos, but you still want that info and the FBI finds it by consulting its see cards.

If your original request did not make specific reference to any tape recordings, you might want to let them know you would like dubs, if you would. In this regard, the FBI indexes three ways but generally searches only one, as the subject of the surveillance. It indexes overheards and mentioneds, too.

Some of this, requested by HSCA, was disclosed to Mark Allen. Blakey made incompetent requests and the FBI is killed at skirting.

Best wishes,

Harold

Harold Weisberg